

Beloved Community Meeting Notes

Thursday, June 9th, 2022, at 6:30 PM

Attendees: Fr. Kendall, Kathy Stewart, John Kennedy, Sueann Goretti, Andy Bartels, Lorina Goodjoint.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Kendall

Congregational Development Grant for 2023

- Kathy Stewart presented an opportunity to apply for the 2023 Congregational Development Grant. The grant provides focus on “Becoming a Beloved Community: Following Christ and Engaging in Social Justice.” Kathy shared and submitted a Letter of Intent to the Diocese of Olympia on May 23, 2022. The Letter of Intent was accepted.
- Kathy has shared that we can now write the grant, and to submit it no later than June 27, 2022. Kathy took the lead on writing the grant, drafted the grant proposal, and shared the draft with the Beloved Community Team.
- Two options were presented to the Beloved Community Team to choose from
 - Option 1: Would use approximately \$4,000 of the grant money for the social justice curriculum (anti-racism workshops training parishioners, proper technology for hybrid events, children’s ministries education, pay speakers/consultants, meet needs in surrounding St. Matthew community
 - Option 2: Would provide more opportunity to address social justice and less funds used. The Episcopal Church’s Sacred Ground film-based dialogue on race and faith would be used. This is a 10-part series (1.5 to 2 hours each) and online curriculum with documentaries focusing on Indigenous, Latinx, Asian/Pacific American, Black, and European American histories. This curriculum is free from the Episcopal Church. Option 2 also includes paying speakers/consultants, proper technology for hybrid events, children’s ministries education, meet needs in surrounding St. Matthew community, and miscellaneous tasks
- The grant funding does not begin until January 2023.
- Discussion about collaboration with Puyallup Tribal members
- Discussion about collaboration with other parishes within church neighborhood
- Kathy will send out a link to the Beloved Community Team that answers “What is Sacred Grounds?” She is requesting our feedback by June 16, 2022 for grant proposal
- Fr. Kendall provided some names of individuals to reach out to for our specific questions
- This week, Kathy will email the Grant Proposal draft to Beloved Community Team for feedback before submitting the finalized draft

Closing Prayer: Lorina Goodjoint